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TAGS: MPOL, KS

SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE EVANS AND NOVAK COLUMN ON PRM-10

1. FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCE WAS PROVIDED TO THE DEPARTMENT  
SPOKESMAN FOR USE AT THE NOON BRIEFING SEPTEMBER 7.

QUOTE

Q: IS IT CORRECT AS REPORTED SEPTEMBER 7 BY EVANS AND  
NOVAK THAT THE PRM-10 STUDY CONTENDS THAT REMOVING U.S.  
TROOPS FROM SOUTH KOREA GIVES WASHINGTON "FLEXIBILITY"  
TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT TO INTERVENE AGAINST COMMUNIST  
INVASION FROM THE NORTH?

A: AS WE HAVE SAID REPEATEDLY, WE DO NOT COMMENT ON  
INTERNAL USG STUDIES. THE MUTUAL DEFENSE TREATY BETWEEN  
THE UNITED STATES AND THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA REMAINS FULLY  
IN FORCE AND OUR DETERMINATION TO PROVIDE PROMPT SUPPORT  
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TO HELP THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA DEFEND AGAINST ARMED ATTACK,  
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TREATY, REMAINS FIRM AND  
UNDIMINISHED.

Q: WOULD THE UNITED STATES RESPOND AUTOMATICALLY WITH  
TROOPS IN THE EVENT OF AN ALL-OUT ATTACK AGAINST SOUTH  
KOREA?

A: U.S. RESPONSE WOULD BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS  
OF THE MUTUAL DEFENSE TREATY. END QUOTE

2. GUIDANCE AS PROVIDED WAS USED AT SEPTEMBER 7 BRIEFING.  
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